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CENTENNIAL YEAR AT CAZADERO

Family Forty-Niner Camps

Cazadero's Family Camps, August 13-20 and August 20-27, are expected to be better than ever (if possible) in Forty-Nine. With a growing group of enthusiastic alumni (they're especially enthusiastic about the new road!) Manager Otto Kuhns is expecting a full house both weeks.

Did we say full house? We mean (in case you've never seen the Camp you own!) the four cabins, each for two families, and the ten bedroom (hot water in every room) Dormitory with its commodious living room (sofas 'n everything) and fireplace.

Featured at both Family Camps will be Dr. Paul Reynolds of Chicago (also formerly of China) who is national Director of Family Life for our Churches. His inspiring stories and stimulating personality will be long remembered by all Forty-Niners.

The August 20-27 Camp, directed by Rev. Reuben Hueneman of Hope Reformed Church, Lodi, is reserved for "complete" families—that is, Dads as well as Mothers plus at least two children. Adults and older children pay regular camp rates of \$16.75 for the full week (\$3.25 of which is registration). Children under 12 have special \$11 rate in family camps.

The first Family Camp, August 13-20, is under the direction of Mr. Robert Reed of Antioch, who is assistant Superintendent of Schools and Congregational organist. This camp is unrestricted and jokes about welcoming "broken" families. Some Dads bring the family up even though they have to return to work, then come and get the family at the end of the camp.

Both directors were active participants in family camps last season and promise you an informal and inspiring week.

A special leaflet describing Family Camps, and a general leaflet and camp registration, are available singly or in quantities. Send for yours.

A New Road

Good news for those who are to travel to Cazadero this summer. The new road has been completed, all except the installation of some culverts, which will be done before the contractor receives his last payment. Twenty-one feet wide and a maximum of 12% grade will lessen the hazards, prevent car troubles, and eliminate the fears of those who have said, "Never again." Some bridges on the road below the hill remain to be built.

International Council

The first International Congregational Council to be held in many years will be at Wellesley, Mass., June 17-24. There will be speakers and delegates from many nations. Rev. Sidney Berry of England will be moderator, and it is expected that he will continue as General Secretary. Northern California will be represented by Mr. Galen Fisher, delegate, and Rev. Harley H. Gill, president of the superintendents' Conference. Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Scott Haymond, and Rev. James H. Woodruff are expected to be present.



State Pilgrim Fellowship President Jeanette Desin, snapped during morning watch at Cazadero on the front porch of the Ranch House, with its inspiring view across to King's Ridge.

Cazadero Forty-Niner Camps

Congregational Cazadero's fourteen camps make room for everyone from your Church in at least one camp. Detailed information and registration blanks can be secured from the Director of each Camp.

AREA PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP CAMPS

CENTRAL, SAN JOAQUIN	JUNE 11-18
Rev. Terry Stoker, 16 W. 5th St., Reno, Nev.	
REDWOOD, UPPER BAY	JUNE 25 - JULY 2
Rev. Ray Keeble, 137 Calder Ave., Sebastopol	
WESTBAY	JULY 2 - 9
Rev. Weldon Batty, Community Church, San Carlos	
EASTBAY	JULY 9 - 16
Rev. George Lindsay, 5763 Walnut St., Oakland 5	
COLLEGE AGE CAMP	JUNE 18 - 25
Rev. Gordon Foster, 89 Lovell St., Mill Valley	
JUNIOR HIGH (Eastbay, Central, San Joaquin)	JULY 16 - 23
Rev. William Keeney, 1141 High St., Auburn	
JUNIOR HIGH (Redwood, Upperbay, Westbay)	JULY 30 - AUGUST 6
Mr. C. T. Gustafson, P. O. Box, Guerneville	
JUNIOR AGE CAMP	JULY 23 - 30
Mrs. Weldon Batty, 1860 Arroyo, San Carlos	
ADULT CAMP	AUGUST 6 - 13
Mrs. Florence Rahill, Registrar, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4	
FAMILY CAMP NO. 1.	AUGUST 13 - 20
Mr. Robert Reed, 1007 D St., Antioch	
FAMILY CAMP NO. 2.	AUGUST 20 - 27
Rev. Reuben Hueneman, 427 W. Oak St., Lodi	
CAZADERO SEMINAR	AUGUST 7 - 27
Mr. Robert Crawford, 2337 Grant St., Berkeley	
STATE CAMP	AUGUST 27 - SEPTEMBER 3
Rev. Elmo Wolfe, Rt. 6, Box 1273, Modesto	
YOUNG ADULT WEEKEND	SEPTEMBER 3 - 5
Mr. James Barker, 2545 Dana St., Berkeley 4	

INSPIRING LEADERS

Outstanding visiting leaders have been secured. Rev. K. Mathew Simon, of India, will be in four of the camps, from June 18 to July 16. As General Secretary of the Knanaya Diocese of the Syrian Orthodox Church of Malabar, India, Mathew Simon has studied in England, New York, known Gandhi personally, has represented his Church at Oslo, at the Amsterdam World Council, and at other world conferences.

Rev. Oliver Powell, National Director of Pilgrim Fellowship, will be at the State P. F. Conference at the end of August. Dr. Paul Reynolds, National Director of Young Adults and Family Life, will be the key leader at the two Family Camps in August.

Association Officers

(Paste in New Handbook)

Central Association: Moderator, Mr. Coke Wood, Murphys; Vice Moderator, Mr. Ray Carlson, Salida; Registrar, Rev. Noel J. Breed, Stockton.

German Conference: Moderator, Rev. Christian Martin, Fresno; Registrar, Rev. Philip Reich, Biola; Treasurer, Mr. Jack Heinrich, Kerman.

Redwood Empire: Moderator, Mr. Robert A. Hunter, Guerneville; Vice Moderator, Mrs. E. S. Briggs, Sonoma; Registrar, Rev. Herbert C. Gans, Petaluma.

Sacramento Valley: Moderator, Mr. H. N. Hansen, Loomis; Vice Moderator, Rev. Clifford S. Higby, Cedarville; Registrar, Rev. Theodore R. Dunlap, Sacramento.

San Joaquin Valley: Moderator, Rev. John H. Gregg, Fresno; Vice Moderator, Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian, Fresno; Registrar, Rev. Norio Ozaki, Fresno.

Santa Clara Valley: Moderator, Rev. H. Weldon Batty, San Carlos; Vice Moderator, Mrs. Frank Foster; Registrar, Dr. Wm. Hawley Davis, Palo Alto.

Upper Bay: Moderator, Rev. E. W. Benedict, Pittsburg; Vice Moderator, Mrs. H. D. Fowler, Martinez; Registrar, Mr. Donald M. Cassidy, Suisun.

Hopes and Purposes

"The Christian community is confronted with serious problems in these days which at once constitute its hope and its despair. The evident opportunity to bring the healing influence of world brotherhood into a peace-seeking fraternity of nations with all the deep meanings of the gospel of Christ is our hope. The common man yearns for a more integrating theology than he has known heretofore. We must minister to that need. Our despair, however, lies in our divided and confused fellowship. We must get together as the fellowship of Christ and in that unity there can be no defeat.

"I believe that your significant church can serve ever more adequately in this common task by resolute and vigorous application of its resources under the guidance of God. Your first hundred years must be conceived as days of preparation for the opportunities that lie ahead. My task shall be to join you in your labors in every way possible, not in any sense to perform them for you but with you.

"With earnest prayers for divine guidance and for teachable and responsive spirits, I am confident that Christ's Church shall equip itself for His blessed ministry."

(Quoted from letter from William E. McCormack accepting the pastorate in First Congregational Church, San Francisco.)

Catherine Louise Lindsay

On April 4th, Catherine Louise Lindsay moved into the parsonage of the Oakland New Pilgrim church. She weighed only 7 lbs. 6 oz., but she made a place for herself very quickly with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. George W. Lindsay.

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Credit for CROP

There seems to be a way in which our churches can receive credit on the regular missionary giving for money or commodities given to CROP. When gifts are made to CROP, the local officials in charge of the appeal should be notified that the money or the commodities are for Church World Service from the local church, giving its name, and that Church World Service should be instructed to report the name of the church and the amount to Mr. Harold B. Belcher, 14 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts. Mr. Belcher can then see that credit is given to the church for the relief and reconstruction fund.

UNIT PLAN GOAL REACHED

Word comes from the national office of the Unit Plan that the full goal of \$1,200,000 has been reached. Northern California completed its quota in the fall of 1947.

SARATOGA.—Rev. Gordon L. King reports that the Sunday School is larger than ever and that there are 61 pupils in the released time courses of Christian education. The church recently suffered loss in the death of one of its most valued laymen, Mr. Leroy Anderson.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON.—A Centennial cavalcade, giving significant episodes in the history of the church, was presented on Sunday evening, May 15. Rev. Herbert Dimock is the pastor.

PACIFIC GROVE.—The Sunday School has grown by thirty per cent and the high school choir exceeds the capacity of the choir loft. Rev. Tod B. Sperling is pastor.

CLOVERDALE.—Since the coming of Mr. Samuel A. Wright, Jr., the budget has been tripled. A new projector has been purchased and 30 new members have been received.

FOWLER.—Three beautiful stained-glass windows have been installed during the past year. The finances of the church are in good order. Rev. Sarkis Papajian is pastor.

The Board of Directors, at the annual meeting of the Conference in October, will propose a change in the month of meeting from October to May, beginning in 1950. Comments, questions, or criticisms are invited in advance.

New Members

For the purpose of saving space in the Pacific, and also to show in condensed form some of the results of pre-Easter evangelistic work, churches were asked to report the number of members received on confession, total number received, and baptisms in their Easter classes. Several churches have indicated that members will be received on Mother's Day, on Memorial Day and on Children's Day. Any statistical summary will be only approximate, but the church-by-church list below should be very encouraging. It appears that we have reached a very large number of people during the Lenten Season.

Name of Church	Received		Total
	Confes.	Rec'd	
Alameda	7	11	2
Alturas	5	12	1
Angels Camp	2	2	3
Antioch	1	4	9
Auburn	3	11	8
Berkeley Arlington	3	5	3
Chinese	6	10	6
First	27	67	58
South	15	15	
Biola	12	31	16
Campbell	2	6	9
Cloverdale	2	5	3
Cotati	4	8	2
Eureka	4	10	4
Fairfax	4	10	4
Ferndale	1	1	2
Fowler	2	11	
Fresno, First	49	92	18
Free Cross	56	73	12
Japanese	3	4	21
Pilgrim	11	39	12
Zion	32	59	34
Hayward	5	14	3
Kenwood	8	9	
Lodi, Ebenezer	21	31	12
Lodi, First	8	11	8
Loomis	20	31	17
Martinez	2	9	8
Murphys	1	4	4
Niles	4	8	
Oakland, Bethany	21	66	52
First	12	16	12
New Pilgrim	11	19	10
Plymouth	9	19	8
Orinda	6	13	10
Oroville	2	4	6
Pacific Grove	7	15	3
Palo Alto	7	24	8
Paradise	1	21	
Parlier	2	4	4
Penngrove	8	8	11
Petaluma	13	19	6
Pittsburg	14	18	18
Port Chicago	19	35	27
Porterville	12	14	15
Redwood City	61	75	41
Rio Vista	4	8	4
Sacramento First (Pioneer)	24	41	29
Oak Park	7	25	14
Sierra Arden	4	5	10
Salida	4	5	2
San Carlos	8	2	8
San Francisco, Calvary	4	5	10
Chinese	4	5	2
First	8	2	3
Grace United	8	2	3
Ocean View	11	33	15
Park Presidio	2	15	2
Sanger	15	30	11
San Jose	4	15	2
San Leandro	20	58	18
San Mateo	15	26	7
Santa Cruz	2	2	2
Santa Rosa	7	7	2
Saratoga	1	11	8
Sebastopol	6	7	7
Sonoma	14	23	14
Soquel	6	1	10
Stockton	6	7	6
Suisun	6	6	4
Sunnyvale	24	29	11
Weaverville			
Reno, Nevada			
TOTAL	702	1322	722

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 3—Young Adult dinner, Berkeley, First.

June 4-5—Laymen's Retreat, Cazadero.

June 17-27—International Congregational Conference, Wellesley, Mass.

June 19-28—Institute of International Relations, Mills College.

June 20-July 27—La Foret School for Pastors.

July 30-August 27—Foreign Fruit project, Hughson.

August 5-10—Missionary Education Movement Conference, Asilomar.

October 26, 27 and 28—Annual meeting of Conference at First Church, San Francisco.



The Bowl at Cazadero, scene of never-to-be-forgotten campfires beneath the great Douglas firs. Camp assemblies, business sessions, Sunday morning services are usually also in the Bowl.

OAKLAND, FIRST.—Many memorial Easter gifts were made for beautifying the church and the church garden. New members were received at the Easter afternoon communion following which there was a reception in their honor. Rev. Clarence F. Reidenbach was one of the speakers at the Good Friday services.

MODESTO.—This new embryo church is meeting, like the earliest churches of Palestine, under the blue sky. Every Wednesday night something is doing, either a fellowship dinner, or games, or committee meetings. Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe is to broadcast two Sundays in June when he occupies the pulpit of the Brethren Church.

HAYWARD.—Three identical services were held on Easter Sunday—at 9, 10, and 11:15 A.M. Every week identical services are held twice. The sermons of Rev. Richard C. Norberg, the pastor, for March and April were mimeographed and distributed at the request of the people.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRESIDIO.—Rev. Robert W. Moon announced an unusual subject for Mother's Day—"The Art of Being a Mother-in-Law." This church is filled almost to capacity every Sunday, and Easter it was crowded twice.

DIXON.—A public address system was installed in the social hall to care for the overflow Easter audience. Thirty were received into membership during the Easter season. Rev. Everett L. Spuller is the pastor.

FRESNO, PILGRIM ARMENIAN.—The parlor has been beautifully furnished as a memorial. The trustees are still continuing their program of redecoration and repair of the building. Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian is pastor.

PORT CHICAGO.—Rev. Gifford M. Webster took a group of Pilgrim Fellowship young people to Cazadero for the week-end of April 29th. 120 people crowded the little church, requiring extra chairs, on Easter Sunday.

SAN CARLOS.—As in previous years, the Easter service was held in the San Carlos Theatre, with an attendance of 850 people. The foundations for the new building have been completed. Rev. Weldon Batty is pastor.

Look at This

April receipts continued the same trend as the early months of the year, the total OCWM gifts for the first four months of '49 exceeding the regular apportionment giving of '48 but not equaling the apportionment and CWVR giving of a year ago by about \$5000, this in spite of the very substantial lift that came from "One Great Hour." Many churches adopted the full OCWM goal. It is earnestly hoped that remittances will be prompt.

	Jan. 11 to April 30, 1948	Jan. 11 to April 30, 1949
Alameda	\$ 301.07	\$ 273.01
Alturas	72.46	32.10
Angels Camp	50.00	44.85
Antioch	93.13	92.74
Auburn	108.75	100.00
Benicia	52.00	
Berkeley, Arlington	61.94	199.67
First	3,366.03	4,241.16
North	287.90	361.10
Northbrae		276.17
South Community	144.42	312.10
Campbell	120.00	177.02
Cedarville		39.43
Cloverdale	52.67	80.60
Cotati	43.25	62.50
Crockett	28.60	32.03
Dinuba	66.00	22.00
Elk Grove	14.25	25.00
Eagleville		7.36
Etna	2.50	32.39
Eureka	165.33	450.01
Fairfax	37.50	75.00
Ferndale	76.05	183.40
Fowler		50.00
Fresno, First	350.00	1,101.54
Japanese	25.00	
Zion		66.08
Glen Ellen	50.00	34.23
Hayward		837.50
Kenwood	14.18	57.70
Lodi, Ebenezer		299.30
First	1,432.00	1,051.20
Loleta		20.32
Loomis	100.00	
Martinez	546.74	848.47
Modesto		58.26
Murphys	100.00	
Niles	50.00	113.50
Oakland, Bethany Armenian		71.57
First	1,760.00	2,187.83
Fruitvale	72.40	67.41
Japanese	80.00	30.00
New Pilgrim	46.00	11.47
Plymouth	530.69	771.31
Orinda	216.74	560.28
Oroville	373.10	154.12
Pacific Grove	100.00	50.00
Palo Alto	500.00	1,448.14
Paradise	350.00	216.50
Parlier	20.00	
Penngrove	23.68	20.25
Pescadero	10.00	
Petaluma	235.00	525.00
Pittsburg	82.85	156.95
Port Chicago	53.52	40.30
Porterville	600.00	754.00
Redwood City	423.56	531.84
Reedley	15.00	
Rio Vista	50.00	80.00
Ripon	86.19	189.19
Sacramento, First	690.00	587.00
Sierra Arden		116.00
Salida	40.10	26.53
San Carlos	200.00	350.00
San Francisco		
Bethany, Mission Park	60.90	62.20
Calvary Armenian		30.00
First	189.38	364.92
Ocean View	50.00	50.00
Park Presidio	154.97	217.27
Sanger		66.33
San Jose	420.00	1,013.89
San Leandro	30.50	143.00
San Lorenzo		15.75
San Mateo	500.00	1,750.00
San Rafael	10.00	14.70
Santa Cruz	85.00	654.87
Santa Rosa	78.00	113.52
Saratoga	289.81	273.34
Sebastopol	150.22	185.58
Sonoma	60.55	3.00
Soquel	90.55	25.82
Stockton	318.95	297.85
Suisun	50.00	57.50
Sunnyvale	37.57	198.06
Tulare	270.00	380.00
Weaverville	50.00	50.00
Woodside	11.50	29.00
Reno, Nevada	257.14	318.27
Miscellaneous	1,421.58	572.65
	\$18,891.88	\$27,471.15

SANTA CRUZ.—A regular radio service is sponsored by the church from 9 to 9:30 every Sunday morning. The church has installed a telephone system making communications easier. Rev. Ed Cunningham brought the messages at a Sunrise service, a radio service, and two regular services on Easter. 24 new members have joined the church since his coming.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST.—Rev. William E. McCormack, D.D., has accepted the call of this church and will begin service on September first. Dr. McCormack, who is 45 years of age, is the son of a minister and was educated in the midwest. At one time he was assistant to Dr. Vere V. Loper, who was then at Wilmette, Illinois. Later he served churches at Champaign and Aurora, Ill., and for nine years has been at the old First Church of Springfield, Mass., where he has led in a program of church building, community service, and the strengthening of his parish, which marked him as one of the outstanding men of our denomination. Under his leadership the church has reached a membership of 1600, the budget has been doubled, and \$200,000 has been spent on plant. He is the president of the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches and has had other prominent positions in our national fellowship. He will find a hearty welcome in First Church and in the Conference as a friend and leader. The church owes a great debt of gratitude to Rev. James H. Woodruff, who has so effectively carried the manifold duties of the parish for many months. He has endeared himself to the people of the church and made a place for himself in the life of San Francisco.

ORINDA.—Eight hundred fifty people attended the Easter service in the Orinda Theatre. The church has been greatly encouraged by news of a substantial appropriation and loan from the Congregational Church Building Society. Dr. George Dowe is leading the church in a campaign for a fund which with the help from the Building Society will enable the church to erect Unit No. 3, so greatly needed, and care for the rapidly growing congregation and church school.

FAIRFAX.—Mr. Frank K. McDowell will complete his work at the end of this month when he will enter into the ministry of the Presbyterian Church. He and his wife have done a splendid job in Fairfax. The church feels that it is equal to the support of a full-time program, and the committee is actively in search of a man. Not only Fairfax, but the Conference fellowship unite in expressing appreciation and best wishes to the McDowells.

FRESNO, JAPANESE.—The work of this church is starting off well under the leadership of the new pastor, Rev. Norio Ozaki. The Easter congregation crowded the building. Mr. Ozaki assisted in evangelistic meetings in several communities. The Women's Fellowship is being reorganized. Mr. Ozaki was installed on Sunday, May 1, with neighboring ministers participating. A reception in honor of the minister and his wife followed.

SACRAMENTO, OAK PARK.—On Mother's Day this church, for the first time, held services in its new place of worship. Through the help from the Conference and the Building Society a hall has been acquired which will be available for 5 years during which time the church will acquire a lot and develop plans for a building of its own. Rev. Theodore R. Dunlap is pastor.

ALTURAS.—This church with its pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. William Moll Case, did a marvelous job in entertaining the Sacramento Valley Association. A feature of the program was a lovely recital presented by the three choirs of the church.

ANGELS CAMP.—Several carloads of Congregational people motored into the Mother Lode for the special Centennial service on May 8. The church was crowded. President Ronald Bridges of the Pacific School of Religion preached the Centennial sermon. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Extension Director of the Conference, Mr. Albert J. Watson, Centennial chairman, and Mr. C. R. Van Buskirk, Centennial chairman for the Central Association, were present and participated in the service. Lunch was served in the park. The Miners' Band furnished music. Many of the congregation which crowded the church were in costume, including Rev. Lawrence D. Granger, the pastor. During the afternoon some of the visitors went to Murphys and others to Mokelumne Hill to see their churches. The Angels Camp church came to self-support as of April first, after many years of assistance by the Conference.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH.—As a feature of the program of the Bay Association a recital was given by Mr. W. W. Carruth on the historic pipe organ which is still used in the church. The original organ came in 1852 and was first used by the First Congregational Church of San Francisco. The church is celebrating a "Centennial Fair" on May 20, with an interesting program appropriate to pioneer days. Rev. Robert W. Inglis, the pastor, was loaned by his church to the Conference as the Centennial speaker on the programs of the Associations throughout the Conference. A careful record showed that during the month of March, 101 meetings were held in the Plymouth buildings, with a total of 4,737 people attending.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER.—This church which is one of the two to celebrate its centennial in 1949 has arranged the following program: Sept. 11, Home Coming Sunday; Sept. 13, Home Coming Dinner; Sept. 16, Anniversary Dinner; Sept. 18, Anniversary Sunday. The history of the church is being brought up to date. The church attendance on Palm Sunday was nearly 500, and on Easter Sunday the sanctuary was crowded twice with some people listening in the social hall by means of loud speakers. Rev. Torrance Phelps is pastor.

STOCKTON.—The church has acquired a motion picture machine and uses religious films regularly for the Sunday School. A substantial start toward a fund for a home for aged has been made. Ten couples from the Young Adult group were received into membership on Easter. The sanctuary was filled at each of the two services. A new silver communion set, given in memory of Mrs. Emily Pinckney, was dedicated at the Maundy Thursday communion. The offering from "One Great Hour" amounted to \$580.00. The Women's Fellowship has financed the painting of the kindergarten room, the powder room, and the entrance hall. A new Men's Club has been organized. Rev. Noel J. Breed is pastor.

OAKLAND, NEW PILGRIM.—Rev. George W. Lindsay shared in the Good Friday services of East Oakland churches, and at the Sunrise Services at Diamond Park. 258 persons attended the regular Easter morning service. The social hall has been completed and dedicated in honor of Mr. Fred Hicks who has carried the major load in planning and building that very important addition. A large group of adults and youths went to Cazadero for Saturday, April 30, and Sunday, May 1. Rev. Tom Watt conducted services for those who could not go.

SURPRISE VALLEY.—Rev. Robert B. Whitaker, who recently returned from China, held a preaching mission in Cedarville for about 10 days following Easter. Greatly increased attendance at church took place prior to Easter. Supt. Harley H. Gill preached at Cedarville in the morning and Rev. Sidney H. Buckham preached at Eagleville in the evening of May 1st. The P. F. gave a dinner bringing in \$125 for the construction of a fire-place in the social hall. Rev. Clifford S. Higby is pastor.

LOOMIS.—237 people attended an Easter Sunrise Service which was followed by an Easter morning breakfast. 200 people were fed. The regular Easter Service surpassed attendance of previous years. Plans are being laid by Rev. Hendrik Martynse for Vacation Bible School. About 600 copies of the Parish Paper are distributed twice a month.



New Building and New Leader

Above is a rather unsatisfactory picture of the very satisfactory plant of the North Congregational Church, Berkeley. The new fellowship center portrayed at the left in the picture was dedicated in February, and already has proved to be invaluable. The church has called Rev. Williston Wirt from Chula Vista, and he began work on May first. He is well known in this Conference as a graduate

of Pacific School of Religion and as student assistant at the St. John's Presbyterian Church in Berkeley. Besides serving in the chaplaincy during the war, he has had such important pastorates as Eugene, Oregon, and Chula Vista in Southern California. He is the son of Rev. Loyal Lincoln Wirt who was the founder of the North Church.

SAN MATEO.—A member of the church has provided recording equipment so that the entire service of worship can be carried to shut-ins and hospitals. 141 members have been received the past 12 months. Two new aisle windows have been installed as memorials by members of the church. At the Centennial celebration the two motion pictures, "California's Golden Beginnings" and "We Would Be Building," and an illustrated lecture by Secretary William W. Meyer were given. Rev. Benton S. Gaskell, the pastor, who is the chairman of the Conference Committee on Benevolence Promotion, will attend a meeting of all state chairmen at Racine, Wisconsin, late in May or early in June.

SACRAMENTO, SIERRA ARDEN.—Easter Services were held in the new building although there was no glass in the windows, no plaster on the walls, and the second flooring was missing. But it was a great occasion, with a large class of new members. An additional loan from the Building Society makes it possible to complete the present structure, even though the amount of volunteer labor will be less because the members have their own homes and gardens to care for. A memorial organ, provided by the parents of a young matron who recently passed away, has been purchased and was in use on Easter. Rev. Mary Chester and Rev. Joseph Chester are pastors in charge.

SAN FRANCISCO, CHINESE.—250 members and friends crowded the church beyond its capacity on Easter Sunday, the choir furnishing special music. Rev. B. Y. Leong, the pastor, used as his subject "Faith in the Resurrection". At the close of the service colored Easter eggs were presented. The support of the church is being greatly increased by the members over that of a year ago. One of the principal contributions of this church is the service rendered by Mr. Leong as principal of Hip Wo School, and of several members on the Board of Trustees.

PORTERVILLE.—Two capacity congregations attended Easter Services with special World Mission offerings amounting to \$525. The Junior Choir of 35, white robed, directed by the pastor's wife, sang for the early service. The church was host to the San Joaquin Association when Mrs. Goldsmith directed a very interesting and effective Centennial pageant. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith is the pastor.

MARTINEZ.—Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, the pastor, is planning a series of sermons for May and June on the general theme "The Gospel We Declare," largely centered in the concept of the Kingdom. A monthly town meeting has brought excellent attendance and has developed a keen interest.

SAN LORENZO.—The sanctuary was packed twice on Easter morning. 615 attended the church school program, and 620 attended the Easter service. The regular work nights and work days make it possible for steady improvement on the property. Rev. Homer A. Schwarz is pastor.

LA SELVA BEACH.—A Sunday School has been in operation for a good many months. An Easter service was conducted by Rev. E. L. Spaulding. Plans are under way for a vacation church school under Student Summer Service direction.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Miss Mary Coxhead, Correspondent

"We Would Be Building" was the theme of the Spring Meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women, held in Petaluma on April 21. It was an appropriate theme for this occasion, not only because this was the first big meeting of this important year in California Congregationalism, when the gift Congregational women make may well determine the growth of Christianity in this state, but because the speakers for this occasion pointed out that the great need all over the world was growth in Christian precepts.

Mrs. Edwin Sih-ung Kwoh was the guest speaker of the morning, speaking on "Building Peace in China." It was heartening to hear that despite tremendous obstacles the people of China were looking ahead to peace, particularly so when she said that one of the great obstacles to peace in China was that many Chinese knew nothing but warfare, and that many or perhaps all people in China were really displaced people. Other obstacles were inflation, bad psychological effect of war, physical insecurity, extreme materialism, and cynicism. It was her contention that there is a deep longing in the hearts of a great majority for peace, and there is a small but active group working for peace, and Christianity is China's greatest hope.

Dr. Alfred Fiske, head of the Philosophy Department at San Francisco State College, spoke in the afternoon on "Rebuilding Germany," giving much of the same picture. They are a people badly in need of relief, living amidst unbelievable destruction—a discouraged people. He spoke of two groups of people in particular: the "expellees," being people who were uprooted from their homes in Poland and elsewhere because of their Germanic origin, and the displaced people in Germany who were taken there by the Nazis from their homes for forced labor in German factories. The "expellees" are being helped by Church World Service and other church groups. Their greatest need is clothing and shoes.

In graphic sentences Dr. Fiske de-

scribed relief being carried on in a clothing depot, a school, and a hospital. Amidst the fatigue and discouragement of people there was also joy and thankfulness, for the gifts they received from Americans. As I listened to what Dr. Fiske had to say, and also to a short description given by Miss Helen Thomas, a student at the Pacific School of Religion, of the work done at the Forest Hill project, a little poem recited by Mrs. Kwoh at the opening of her talk kept returning to me. It was:

"Youth undaunted, lift up your head,
Hope is forever returning."

The Forest Hill project as described by Miss Thomas was listened to with great interest. There is as yet only a Sunday School held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Jackson. The St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church has sold its building at its former location, and has bought lots near to Forest Hill. As soon as possible the Congregational Sunday School and the St. John's Church will move together to form and build a church, "The St. John's United Church of Christ." Not only will a building be erected, but lives will be rebuilt for this is a section where until now there has been no church or Sunday School.

The Evangelical and Reformed Church in Petaluma and the Congregational Church provided dining rooms and coffee for those attending the meeting, half of the people eating their lunches at one church and half at the other, thus helping to set firm foundations for the building of a United Church of Christ.

Announcements made during the meeting were: (1) that a new film strip, "The Women's Gift," was available and could be gotten from Rev. William W. Meyer's office, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley, (2) that the spring session would meet at Cazadero May 9-10-11, and (3) that Centennial Sunday was May 15.

The meeting closed with the Junior Choir of the Congregational Church singing and the benediction pronounced by Mrs. Herbert C. Gans.

able which might prove helpful. An application should be filed as soon as proper accommodations can be set up.

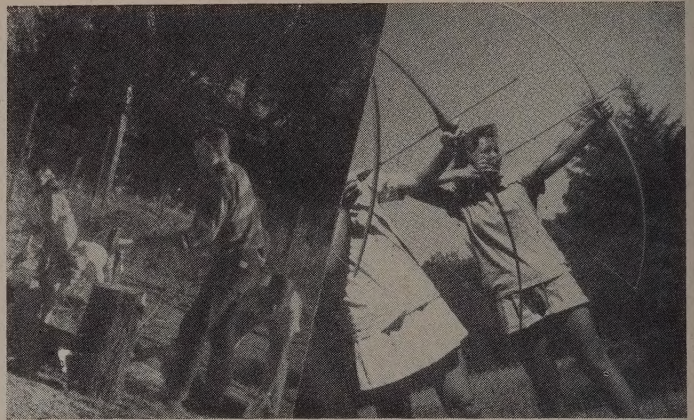
In a recent number of The Christian Century, it was pointed out that Protestants are failing refugees. As of the end of March about 15,000 displaced persons had left Europe for the United States. Of the 13,000 who reached this country by March first, 1195 were Protestants. Up to March 21, Church World Service had received approximately 2500 validated assurances for about 7000 individuals. Overseas only 4% of the assurances processed are Church World Service assurances and 33% are Catholic. On the basis of the percentage of the various faith groups in the D. P. camps, this means that if you are a Catholic D. P. your chances for resettlement are three times as good as those of your Protestant camp neighbor.

What are we doing with this Christian Challenge?

—Social Action Committee.

Judy Florence Wolfe

Judy Florence Wolfe crossed up her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Elmo D. Wolfe, on April 12 by making it three girls in the family and one boy, but she almost made the birthday a unanimous one, since a sister and the brother were also born on April 12 and the other sister on February 12.



Work and play along with study and inspiration, all add up to a big week at Cazadero.

LIFE BEGINS AT CAZADERO!

Of interest to many PACIFIC readers is announcement of an Adult Camp at Cazadero. Something new in the schedule, this August 6-13 week may prove as popular as any of the other 13 Forty-Niner Camps.

"Life Begins at Forty" can be adjusted either up or down the scale, says the camp leaflet, to fit your situation. Craft work, vesper services, forum discussions will be provided, all on a voluntary basis, and fitted into a leisurely schedule.

No children will be along at this camp, but there will be an extra crew member or two to take over most of the camp chores. Adult campers will come at the regular rate of \$13.50 camp fee for the week, plus \$3.25 registration sent in advance to Adult Camp registrar, Mrs. Florence Rahill, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4, California. Send for leaflet.

FRESNO, FIRST.—The contracts have been signed and earth is being removed for the new church building which is to be completed within 120 working days. Miss Louise Wrisley, now finishing a course at Hartford Seminary, has accepted the position of Director of Christian Education for the church, to begin work in time for the fall program. Rev. John H. Gregg is the pastor.

CAMPBELL.—This church celebrated its sixtieth anniversary on April 24. At the afternoon program there were historical sketches and reminiscences. Seven persons, who had been members of the church for more than fifty years, were presented with certificates. The church has now adopted the unified service of Sunday School and Church, beginning at 10:30. Rev. Corwin H. Olds is pastor.

BERKELEY, CHINESE.—A reception for new members was held on the Sunday following Easter in the form of a potluck lunch. A Mother's Day sale brought some money for the church building fund. Dr. Hoh Yam-tong is pastor.

PETALUMA.—May 22 is being observed as Centennial Sunday, with Rev. Noel J. Breed, former pastor, preaching the sermon. Mrs. Herbert C. Gans, wife of the pastor, served as chaplain for the training conference of the Women's Federation held at Cazadero. This church together with the E. and R. Church at Petaluma did a splendid piece of work in entertaining the spring meeting of the Federation.

SAN FRANCISCO, FOREST HILL.—The Easter Service was held in the Woodlawn Chapel. A very thorough canvass has been made of the community to ascertain whether or not there is a future field of work. It is generally felt that the name of the new church, if and when organized, should be St. John's United Church of Christ. The future site has been cleaned up and a sign is being erected.

ANTIOCH.—The interior of the sanctuary has been redecorated and new pews have been secured. \$900 is on hand toward a new organ. Plans are shaping up for a social hall. Rev. Nels F. Sanderson is temporarily supplying the church.

Help Those DPs

Reports of favorable activity in the program for the Resettlement of Displaced Persons have been received by the Conference Social Action Committee. Eden Congregational Church in Hayward reports that it has filed for a cannery worker and family with the hope that they may arrive in the area by July 15. So much enthusiasm was expressed throughout the church membership that the trustees voted to assume sponsorship in the name of the church.

Several of the other churches, such as Palo Alto First, Berkeley First, report that surveys are in progress. For the benefit of those churches which are finding it difficult to get a program started a few comments might be helpful here. Through the local Social Action Committee or through some interested organization within the church a canvass might be made of other like groups. A survey might be conducted throughout the church membership, emphasizing employment, housing, contributions for transportation, and a willingness to share in sponsorship. The survey might be followed up with considerable publicity through motion pictures, speakers, and discussion among all the church organizations. Comments might be made from the pulpit, on the radio, etc. There are some prepared transcriptions avail-

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